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## Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness to Conduct First Meeting

*Tax structures, Trade and Licensing among Issues to be Examined; Legislators to Tour Automation Alley Prior to Meeting*

**(LANSING)** – The Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness will conduct its first meeting Monday, March 10 at the Novi Expo Center, co-chairs Senator Alan Sanborn and Representative Clark Bisbee announced today.

The committee was established earlier this year with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Legislature on how to maintain current and attract new business investment and increase the number of good-paying jobs for Michigan families.

The meeting will be conducted Monday, March 10 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center, located at 43700 Expo Center Drive in Novi. Prior to the meeting members of the Committee will also have an opportunity to tour Oakland County's Automation Alley.

“Our intention is to make recommendations, based on the findings of the committee, on how Michigan can enhance its business climate,” Sanborn, R-Richmond said. “I look forward to holding these hearings across the state so that Michigan workers and businesses can offer their insight into how to best make that possible.”

Among the many issues the committee will examine are tax structures, tax incentives, technology, international trade, government licensing and regulation, job training and fiscal discipline. These and other issues will be closely examined in an effort to help the state compete and create new opportunities in order for Michigan families to prosper.

“Commerce, trade and tax issues are vital to bringing Michigan to the forefront of the national business environment,” Bisbee, R-Jackson said. “I am eager to hear individuals from across the state on how we can accomplish this goal in order to give Michigan the most attractive business climate in the nation.”

The committee is also scheduled to visit Grand Rapids, Macomb County, Traverse City, Menominee, Battle Creek, Monroe and the Saginaw/Bay City area. Sanborn and Bisbee encourage the public to attend the hearings. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Senator Sanborn (517) 373-7670 or Representative Bisbee (517) 373-1795.